

I disagree that "the best way to make the non-mandated changes to remove code from the licensing requirement for Operation below 30 Mhz would be to remove the element 1 from the exam for General."

The best way would be to simply leave things alone. If changes must be made, then simply remove the requirement to pass a code exam for operations on the HF bands, with the requirement that "In order to operate CW, on any Ham Frequency, one must pass a Morse code test." Its a simple change, which would still allow anyone to obtain a license for HF. The only difference would then be that those operating CW would have proven their skill at doing so. It is the only mode we have, that really takes a manual skill; the other modes simply can be learned from a book.

I agree that "the Techs who wish to take part in HF pass the Written Exam for General to qualify for HF operations" Give it to them that way, but also make them pass a CW exam to operate that mode.